Wallack's Remains Closed by Julia Arthur's lliness—The Various Changes of Bill— Bruder Martin," a New German Farce. Julia Arthur's Illness proves to be more serious than was thought. She is suffering to act again this week, the final one in her term at Wallack's Theatre. The house will remain closed until next Monday, when Olga Nathersole will be due. The opera stock company at the American is devoted to an adequate revival of the unfamiliar opera "Lurline," with a cast of favorites and much attention to the mounting. The resident company at the Murray Hill is performing that excel-lent old melodrama, "Lights o' London," eleverly as well as forcibly. The travelling company in "The White Heather," still led by Bose Coghlan and using the original sets of realistic scenery, is the current visitor at the Grand Opera House. "The Geisha" is at the Harlem Opera House, "A Hot Old Time" at the Columbus, "Remember the Maine" at the Peo-ple's and "A Female Drummer" at the Star.

This is the final week of "The Head of the Family." with William H. Crane, at the Knickerbocker, and of "The Village Postmaster" at the Fourteenth Street. The last fortnight of 'Catherine" is in progress with Annie Russell at the Garrick and of "A Dangerous Maid" at the Casino. The plays that have just started are "Phroso" at the Empire, "The Sorrows of Satan" at the Broadway and "The Little Host" at the Herald Square. Those that have held over from last week include "The Christian" at the Garden, "Sporting Life" at the Academy f Music, "On and Off" at the Madison Square. "The Turtle" at the Manhattan, "Trelawny of the Wells" at the Lyocum, "A Runaway Girl" at the Fifth Avenue, "The Merchant of Venice" at Daly's and "Kate Kip" at the Bijou.

The large supply of vaudeville keeps up. In the continuous shows there is little that is new, but the established specialists are so many that capital entertainment is given. many that capital entertainment is given. Keith's has one stranger in Zrenyi, a man of well-trained big muscles, and the familiars here are the Marcos, James Thornton and the Nobles. McIntyre and Heath, Hayes and Lytton and Helene, Mora are listed at the Pieasure Palase. Rice and Cohen play a well-known farce at Proctor's, where Young, Sells, Reno and Richards are employed. Tony Pastor, Charles R. Swest and Gus Williams are leaders at Pastor's. At the Eden Musée a marionette show has reinforced the wax exhibit, the motion pictures and the band music. Each of the music halls has a characteristic programme. That means, for Weber & Fielde's, a bright and tuneful burlesque with a few specialties as preface; for Koster & Hall's, a variety performance in which unfamiliar foreign specialists are a majority, and domestic specialists and burlesquers for the Harlem. Sam T. Jack's and the Dewey have the usual budgets of foul burlettas and hardly less decent specialties.

A new pantomime at Koster & Bial's has a basis in the painting, "An Affair of Honor." It is in two scenes and employs six women The first is a supper room where the women are eating, drinking and displaying the easy manners that hold in Baines law clubs. The programme says that two of them are enamored of the same man, and that he is to pass the street at the head of some soldiers. They beckon and throw kisses to show their admiration of men in general, and the adoration by two of the officer in particular. One has a letter from him, and she makes a feint of putting her feet on a table while she reads it. She fails for the same reason that May Irdoesn't cross her knees, but the pantonimist doesn't mean to be funny in the attempt. The climax of this scene is a quarrel and a challenge to a duel. By a dark change the supper room gives way to a forest glen at the dawn of day. Here the women come in two parties. The principals remove their s, corsets and white wear, leaving their bodies from waist to throat seemingly bare, as they are covered only with nearly transparent gauge. The hems of their skirts are tucked gauze. The hems of their skirts are tucked into their beits, and the fight with swords begins. It is marked by venerful anger on the part of the fencers and of sympathetic interest by their comparions. There are three bouts. An unskilful fall by one of the women brings the contest to what the programme describes as a fatal end. Though the partial disrobing of the fencers is shameless, according to promise, it seems to excite little more than pity for the exposed women. As a lure to seekers of music hall nastiness it can hardly prove effective. A better new feature here is acrobatic. The Hegelmanns are three men, of whom two are massive, the other being more slender and agile. Their apparatus consists of parallel bars, placed as far above the stage as will permit persons in the galleries to see them. Each big man hangs head donwward, his kness over one bar and his leries to see them. Each big man hangs head donward, his knees over one bar and his toes braced beneath another. The third chap roes through with swinging trapeze evolutions, though all the apparatus is stationary. His jumps and twists are surprising. Once, on being released, he twists clear about in midair twice and is caught by a companion. The inning is short, but not easy, to judge by the breathless state of the men.

The new play at the Irving Place Theatre last night was given for a charitable purpose of a particular nature, and Manager Conried doubtless selected it with the idea of appealing to a special audience. The first performance was for the benefit of the Austrian-Hungarian Immigrants' Home. So the farce was racy of the old soil. "Brother Martin" is the title, and its author is Carl Costa, hitherto unknown to local fame. It is not likely that his name will become much more familiar unless many charitable performances are given for the

charitable performances are given for the Austrian societies.

"Brother Martin" is a formless farce with music, and its thin action is interrupted at all points for more or less relevant and more or less musical additions. The character which gives the piece its name is an amiable monk, who wanders through the four acts setting to right the troubles of this world. An estranged couple come under his ministrations; so do various beggars and other oppressed persons. He relieves them all. This is accomplished with an obligate of Tyrolean melodies with the ear-splitting outbreaks that are so characteristic of that music. There was a great deal of Austrian dialect in addition. Indeed, "Brother Martin" consisted chiefly of that.

COMING EVENTS IN OPERA.

"Don Giovanni" to Be Given Next Monday

ropolitan Opera House which is usually devoted to the sale of lemonade and candy, a remarkable group of singers gathered to rehearse at the piano some parts of "Don Giovanni," which is to be given next Monday. Signor Mancinelli was at the plane. Near him sat Mme. Lilli Lehmann, whose hair is now almost white. Victor Maurel walked about the room, singing the music which falls to Don Giovanni, and Mme. Nordica, seated with her husband near the window, was busy with the music of Donna Elvira, which she has not sung for some years. Thomas Salignac, who is to appear for the first time as Don Ottavio. was not se composed as the rest of the singers, who have been familiar with the music for a long time. The rehearsal proceeded with the assistance of MM. Carbone and De Vries, and was interrupted only to congratulate Mme. Sembrich on her triumph as Juliette when she entered, the room somewhat tardily to rehearse the music of Zerlina, in which she will be heard when the great performance of "Don Giovann" is given next week. Mme. Lehmann and Victor Maurel sang together in the opera in Berlin just before they sailed for this country.

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To-night Mme. Lehmann will be heard for the first time this year. She will sing Brunnhide in "Die Walkfire." The rost of the narts will be sung by Mmes. Eames, Meisslinger, Mantelli, Hinrichs, Ronder, Kellogg, Diella, Bauermeister and MM. Van Dyck. Van Rooy and Pringle. On Friday evening "Tristan und Isoide" will be sung for the first time this season by Mmes. Nordica and Meisslinger and MM. Jean and Edouard de Reakle and David Bispham. Mme. Schumann-Heink will make her debut at the Saturday matinee as fortrud in "Lohengrin." Others in the cast will be Mme. Fames and MM. Van Dyck. Bispham. Muhimaon and Edouard de Reakle, Herr Schalk will conduct all these performances. On Saturday night Mme. Marcella Sembrich will be heard in "La Traviata."

The next debutant will be M. Maurel on Monday, Jan. 2. Two weeks from to-fight Miss Suzanne Adams will be heard as Juliette, with M. Jean de Heszke as Homeo. Mme. Meible will make her last appearance at the Metrobitian next Wednesday when she will be heard as Marguerite in "Faust," with MM. Jean and Edouard de Reakle. On Monday, Jan. 9. Mme. Frances Saville will be heard for the first time this year in "Manon" to the Des Grieux of Ernest Van Dyck.

M. M. BOOM OF DISCIPLINE IN COURS. THIEVES BREAK INTO JAIL

The Book of Doctrine and Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States was in evidence in an injunction proceeding which was heard before Vice-Chan-cellor Pitney in Jersey City yesterday. The lawyers on both sides quoted from it in sup-port of their contentions, and the Vice-Chancellor read such portions of it as had any bearing on the case. The injunction was applied for by Robert Fair of Pompton, N. J., to restrain the trustees of the First M. E. Church of Bloomings against him. When the church removed Bloomingdale to Butler, on the other side of the Pequannock River, the trustees sold the property in Bloomingdale to Mr. Fair. A faction in the church which opposed the removal and the sale are now trying to recover the

property from Mr. Fair.
"Who are the defendants in the case?" asked the Vice-Chancellor.
"David B. Sloan, John H. Vreeland, Sebra McIntosh, John T. Dreher and J. H. Provost," replied their counsel.

"As I understand it," said the Vice-Chancellor, "there is a question here as to what the Book of Discipline directs in regard to the election of trustees. I think we ought to have an expert here to point out the changes in that book, as I understand the General Conference changes it every four years."

At the request of the Vice-Chancellor, Lawyer Billar, representing Mr. Fair, read the original bill in the case. In April, 1843, Martin Ryerson of Pompton sold one-twentieth of an acre of land in Bloomingdale to John R. Sisco, Peter Maby and Henry Drew for \$10. There was a stipulation in the deed that a church was to be built on the land and that the land was to be held by the trustees of the church forever. In 1897 the church membership had increased to 400. Eighty of the members lived in Bloomingdale Eighty of the members lived in Bloomingdale and 320 in Butler. Richard Butler offered to the trustees a site for a church in the town named after him, and the offer was accepted. After the new church had been erected in Butler the old church and site in Bloomingdale were sold to Mr. Fair for \$2.150. The sale was confirmed by the Quarterly Conference of the church.

church.
Counsel for the defendants interrupted Mr.
Billar to say that the rules in the Book of Discipline required the consent of the restor and the presiding elder to make such a sale, and consent had not been given in this case. When the Butler faction decided to move, the Bloomingdale faction of the trustees determined to hold on to the old church.

'Is your church at Bloomingdale incorporated under the laws?" asked Vice-Chancellor Pitney.

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"Yes," replied counsel, "and we contend that since all the original trustees named in the Ryerson conveyance have died the land reverts to Ryerson's heirs. We have obtained our title from them, and the Butler trustees had no right to sell our property. Their election as trustees was not according to Ryerson's original intention nor in accordance with the rules of the Book of Discipline."

The Book of Discipline was consulted again, and Vice-Chancellor Pitney intimated that the legal questions should be eliminated from the case, as it was purely a question of equity. He took the papers and reserved decision.

MRS. VERMEULE IN COURT

Her Lawyer Secures an Adjournment Thursday-Crosher Out on Ball.

Mrs. Louise Vermeule and Henry P. Crosher Tombs to the Centre Street Police Court totrate Mott on the charge of stealing \$31 from tives Mooney and Conners, who have been investigating Mrs. Vermeule's record. allege that she offered the draft for \$200, made and accepted by Crosher, in payment for the goods purchased from Koscherak with the full knowledge that Crosher did not expect to

Assistant District Attorney McClellan, who has taken charge of the prosecution, stated yesterday that the woman had confessed to the detectives that Crosher had given her the drafts on the understanding that they were to divide the proceeds. This statement Mrs. Vermeule denied. Lawyer Leon Laski, counsel for the Siede Fur Company, one of the complainants against Mrs. Vermeule, said yester day that he first knew the woman about three years ago, when she had apartments on West Sixtieth street and was known as Lasca Vega. Since that time, he says, she has offered drafts on R. W. Roelofs of Cripple Creek, her alleged husband, made payable to Margaret Williams. A representative of Rogers, Peet & Co. stated to Assistant District Attornsy McClellan that on Rov, 6 she offered to them a draft for \$34 made payable to Margaret Williams and drawn by R. W. Roelofs in payment of a bill of \$27, receiving \$7 in change. Lawyer Robert Gibson, representing the Gilbert Studio, accused Mrs. Vermeule of passing akiration \$75 in pay-

ment for goods received and receiving work.

Change.

When the prisoners were arraigned. Col.
Robert J. Haire, their counsel, asked for an adjournment until Thursday atternoon. With
the consent of Lawyer McClellan this was
granted. Mrs. Vermeule expressed her surprise that her examination should be put off
a second time, but said that she knew so little
of law that she wished to leave everything to
her counsel. her counsel.

"Tell them," said Mrs. Vermeule, as she was leaving the courtroom, "that the cruillest charge they have made against me yet is that I ate \$80 worth of food in two days and didn't pay for any of it." Crosher was released yesterday ou bail furnished by David Freeman of 273 East Houston street,

WARNING AGAINST COURT SHARKS City Magistrates Decide to Post Notices

At a meeting of the Board of City Magistrates last night Magistrate Olmsted! suggested a method for curtailing the opportunities of those who make their living by hanging about police courts and holding up applicants for warrants or summonses and persons who want advice from the Magistrates. His suggestion was to have printed notices in all the police courts t the effect that any person may see the Magistrate without charge and without first being trate without charge and without first being obliged to tell his grievances to an outsider. Magistrate Olmsted said that there was need of some such arrangement, and he cited the case of one woman of the east side who walked across town to see him in the Jefferson Market Court, because, as she said, she had to pay to see the Hagistrate in the Essex Market Court. The suggestion was approved by the board and Magistrate Olmsted iwas authorized to formulate a suitable notice. Magistrate Denei suggested as a heading, "Justice is free."

Chief Clerk Ludwig F, Thoma of the Essex Market Court was elected Secretary of the hoard for 1859, to succeed Chief Clerk Eben Demarest of Jefferson Market Court.

ACTORS HOOTED OUT OF TOWN.

Audience Couldn't Stand "Break the New to Mother" and Broke the Show. PORT CHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 27 .- A vaudeville company visited this village last night and received rough treatment at the hands of a ob, which broke up the performance and followed the actors until they left town. The performance was given in the Opera House, and was attended by a large audience, including many women. Dissatisfaction was first shown when one of the performers came out and be-gan to sing "Break the News to Mother." Some of the spectators shouted derisively, and a bad appie was thrown upon the stage, which barely missed his head. The singer was obliged to discontinue, and he retired behind the scenes, while the mob took possession of the theatre and hooted and yelled itself house. After vainly attemptify to resume the performance the players left the house with the intention of taking a train for New York. They were met outside by another large crowd, which served and threatened them until the railroad station was reached. Some of the women of the company were so frightened that they nearly fainted, and the men were powerless to protect them from the insults offered. The train was late and the company was obliged to wait nearly half an hour, surrounded by its formentors. When the train arrived a mob caught the manager as he was getting on, assaulted him and smashed his silk hat. and a bad apple was thrown upon the stage.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 27.-The vacancy made in the household of the Forrest Home by the death of the widow of Charles Thorne, Sr., has whom older theatregoers will remember well.

Mrs. Baker comes of old theatrical stock, her father, Charles S. Porter, having been a member of the old Walnut Street Theatre stock company. Mrs. Baker was born in this city on Jan. 2., 1818, and when not engaged professionally made her home here up to the time of her retrement a few years ago. Since then she has lived in New York.

AND MARK MERRY WITH THE SHERIFF AT NEW BRUNSWICK.

room, Extract \$505 from the Pockets and Slam the Door When They Go Out-\$200 That the Bobbers Miss. NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Dec. 27.-There was a jail-breaking at the Middlesex County Jail in this city last night. Most jail-breakings are from the inside out. This one was from the outside in. When the object of the visit was and slammed it behind them. This awakened the Sheriff's dog, which, at that somewhat late hour, recollected his duty and barked. The Sheriff now says that Tony may not be a very good watchdog, but he'd probably make first-

class sausage meat.

Sheriff George Litterst and his wife went out to a Christmas dinner in the evening, and shortly after their return went to bed. They did not lock all the windows, because the danger of thieves didn't occur to them. The Sheriff's house is a sort of adjunct to the jail, and, as a rule, incentives are not required to persuade thieves of the advisability of keeping away from a jail. Being somewhat wearied by their day of festivity, Mr. and Mrs. Litterst turned in at a comparatively early hour. The Sheriff, previous to retiring, hung his trousers on the doorknob, not, presumably, "in the hope that old Santa Claus soon would be there," as the rhyme goes, but just because that is his custom. If he had antici-pated Santa Claus or any other visitor he would probably have bestowed his nether garments under his pillow and then spent the night sitting on the pillow, for there was \$705 in the pockets. The better part of that \$705 is now acting as a Christmas present to some per-son or persons who are doubtless very giad to have it, having taken considerable trouble and some risk in its acquirement.

It was half past 1 in the morning when Mrs.

Litterst woke up her husband by the expeditious method of clutching an ear in one hand and his hair in the other and pulling. The Shefiff, attributing the consequent agony to the extra help of hot mines ple he had unwisely

and his hair in the other and pulling. The Shefiff, attributing the consequent agony to the extra help of hot mines pie he had unwisely taken, groaned dismally in the grasp of what'he surmisad to be a nightmare.

"Hush-sh-sh-sh-i" hissed Mrs. Litterst, shifting her grasp to his throat, "There's a man in the house."

"Well, don't choke me to death," gurgled the Sheriff. "You've been dreaming, too. It's that mince pie."

"No, it isn't," she insisted vehemently. "I heard him stumble over something down—There!" she cried as the front door slammed and the dog began to bark.

"That sounds as if he was out of the house," cried Mr. Litterst, iumping out of bed.

He rushed into the hall shouting for the failer, and at the head of the stairs became entangled with something that almost sent him pitching down the flight. He saved himself by clutching at the balusters and kicking the obstacle down stairs instead. Mrs. Litterst, hearing the commotion and her husband's brief but pointed comment thereon, promptly reached the conclusion that he was engaged in deadly conflict with a burglar, and, being a woman of action, wasted no time in vocalization, but ran out into the hall with a match and lighted the gas. She beheld her husband half way down the stairs holding up his trousers and feeling in the pockets.

Not a cent in 'em," he said. "They must have got it all, unless I kicked it out."

He rushed down to the door, where he was joined by the jailer, but, though they went out to the street and looked all around, they could see nobody. Sheriff Litterst returned, and at the foot of the stairs found a roll of bills amounting to \$200, which had been dr. pped there. The other \$505 was gone. He called up the police, but the thief or thieves had disappeared, and no clue to them has been found since. It is supposed that an entrance was effected through the window over the front stoop, which was left unlocked. For an asrile man the climb to the roof of the stoop would be an easy feat. Once in, the rest was easy. The Sheriff these man

BURGLAR CRUELLY BEATS A BOY. Found Him Sleeping in the Grocery Stor-He Was Robbing.

A burglar broke a window pane in Henry A. Leck's grocery store at 310 West Forty-fourth street early yesterday morning and climbed in. He struck a light and looked around for the noney drawer. Instead he saw a boy sleeping on a lounge. Without waiting to see if he would wake up he picked up a brick and struck him in the face with it. Then he caught sight of the money drawer behind the counter in the front of the store and went and pried it open. The boy was Louis Lasoine, 12 years old, Pennsylvania lad, who came to live with his uncle, the grocer, three weeks ago. The blow had stunned him. He was coming too slowly

when the thief carre back, angry at not having found more money than a couple of dollars in small change. He still had the brick.

"Here, boy," he growied, "where do you keep your money here? Where is it?"

The boy cried out in terror that he didn't know, and then the burglar brought down the brick on his face once more, knocking him senseless. It was some time before the boy regained consciousness, and then the thief was gone. The boy crawled upstairs with difficulty and knocked at his uncle's door.

"Burglars!" gasped the boy. "They stole the money. I couldn't help it."

The outery of Mr. Leck and his wife brought the police, and a surgeon was summoned. He found the boy in a bad way. All he could remember was that the man who struck him was tall and had a mustache. On this slender clue the police went to work.

The saloon next door has been robbed repeatedly, and once a boy whom the thieves met there was beaten by them. They were not arrested.

Clarke and Miss Hannan Decide on Matri

mony While Eating a Late Supper. This notice appeared in one of the Jersey City papers yesterday afternoon:

MARRIED. CLARKE-HANNAN.-On Sunday, Dec. 25, 1898 James Clarke to Bessie Emily Hannan.

The announcement was a great surprise to Mr. Clarke's relatives and friends. He is a son of the late Mayor William Clarke of Jersey City and a member of the banking firm of William Clarke & Sons, at 158 Nassau street. He is also a prominent member of the Palma and other clubs in Jersey City. His relatives and friends looked upon him as a confirmed bachelor. The bride is a daughter of Thomas Hannan, a former member of the New Jersey Assembly,

former member of the New Jersey Assembly, who does business in the Washington Market in this city. She has been a teacher in Public Behool No. 13 for a number of years.

Mr. Clarke and Miss Hannan had been to a theatre in this city and were having a late supper in the Hotel Washington, Jersey City, where Mr. Clarke boards. Some friends of Mr. Clarke were there. Suddenly Mr. Clarke announced his intention of getting married at once, and ordered one of the waiters to telephone for a cab. Some of his friends expressed surprise, but Mr. Clarke insisted on earrying out his purpose. When the cab arrived Mr. Clarke and Miss Hannan were driven to the residence of the Rey. C. J. Woerz, pastor of the First German M. E. Church. 272 Henderson street. Mr. Woerz was called out of bed and performed the ceremony. The couple then drove back to the hotel.

WHO OWNS THESE STREETS?

That Have Never Been Legally Opened. Trouble between the Yellow Pine Lumber Company of Long Island City and the Dorscher Sugar Refinery has resulted in the discovery that Pidgeon street has never been legally opened for the use of the public. It is also stated that fully one hundred streets in Long Island City have never been legally opened. The trouble between the two corporations results over the operation of a trolley freight car line on Pidgeon street used by the refinery to send goods down to the dock front and to bring up raw material. The refinery had the street paved with granite blocks. The trolley line is not over two blocks long.

It has also been learned by the borough authorities that streets on which the Yellow Pine company has for a long time stored lumber in high piles were legally opened. The whole matter will be aired before the Committee on Railroads of the Council in the City Hall on Jan. 3, stated that fully one hundred streets in Long

CHIEF DEVERY HAS A COUPE.

The City Pays for It—Five More Sergeants Are Transferred.

The Police Department has acquired an of-Scial coups, with the municipal coat-of-arms on the horse's blanket and harness. The street cars and the elevated were good enough for the Chief until Devery came in with Tammany. Then it was discovered that he must have a carriage, and one was ordered by the board at a cost for the whole rig "not to exceed \$1,000." It turned up yesterday, and hereafter the Chief rides in state. It is stabled, when not in use, at the Charles street station.

The board, after admiring the rig, which

shone as brightly as the new deaks of polished

oak which the Commissioners voted to them-selves, heard from the Chief the report that he had transferred the following Bergeants "for the good of the service:" Brennan, from Charles street to the command of the Grand Central Station squad; Jesser, from the Ten-derioin to East Fifty-first street; Ryan, from the Grand Central Station to Charles street; Wheel-Grand Central Station to Charles street: Wheel-wright, from Mercer street to Newtown; Daly, from Newtown to the Tenderloin.

The board dismissed Patrolmen George Thompson of the Charles street squad and Wilton Allen of East Thirty-first street for being absent without leave five days and more. It fined Patrolman Thomas J. Skelly of Flushing seventy days' pay, the biggest fine ever indicted in the dep rtment, on six charges. One was assault on a citizen, and for that Skelly was fined a month's pay. On three charges of being drunk, of going off post into a saloon, &c., he was fined ten days each and five days on each of two other charges of neglect. There are still other charges pending against Skelly, who aiready owes the department enough to keep him working it off till Washington's Birthday.

POSTMASTER CHOSEN BY BALLOT J. Curtiss Wins the Long Fight at Nor-

folk, Conn.-New Hartford's Fight. Winsted, Conn., Dec. 27.—At the request of Congressman Hill of this Congress district, the Republican electors in the town of Norfolk to-day elected a Postmaster by ballot. There were three candidates for the office, L. J. Curtisa, Joseph N. Cowles, and Arthur P. Atwood. The closed at 3 this afternoon. Mr. Curtiss was elected Postmaster, his majority over Cowles being 24 and over Atwood 50. The Postmaster-elect is a merchant and represented Norfolk in the last State Legislature. This ends Norfolk's spirited fight for Postmaster, which has waged ever since the day following McKinley's elec-

ever since the day following Mckinley's election.

New Hartford, a town six miles east of here,
is the fourth town in Litchfield county to wage
a bitter fight for Postmaster since McKinley's
election. There are five candidates for the
office there—ex-State Senator George W. Smith,
Deputy Sheriff Henry M. Gates, R. S. Foster,
and Jacob Widmer, merchants, and Clarence
Jones, a railway postal clerk. The time of
Frank Marble, the present Postmaster, has
already expired. Congressman Hill yesteriay
visited New Hartford and conferred with the
Bepublican leaders. He said the fight had become so animated that he could not settle it,
and suggested that the people decide it by ballot. The Republican leaders objected to Mr.
Hill's proposition, saying that it was his duty
to recommend a man to the Government for
the place.

POSTMISTRESS'S ACCOUNTS SHORT.

She Says She Vainly Tried to Shield Her Predecessor, Who Was Her Husband. Mrs. Katherine I. Merritt, Postmistress at sioner Shields in this city yesterday upon a charge of having embezzled \$747.57 of Post Office funds. She waived examination and was held for the United States Grand Jury under \$500 bail. Mrs. Merritt was appointed Post-mistress at Pelham in February, 1896, succeeding her husband, who was Postmaster and railroad station agent and who was killed while missioner yesterday that when she took charge of the Post Office she found a shortage in the ac-counts of between \$1.700 and \$1,800. By selling counts of between \$1.700 and \$1.800. By selling some property and borrowing money she made up \$1,200 of the deficit, and was gradually making good the balance when she was stopped temporarily by a peremptory demand made upon her by a man from whom she had borrowed for payment of his claim. A few days ago Post Office Inspector Morris made an inspection of the office and discovered the shortage. Mrs. Merrit told the inspector her story, but after thorough inquiry he found that he had no alternative but to cause her arrest, which was made yesterday morning by Deputy United States Marshal Blake. Ball was furnished for her late yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Clarence Burns Made Temporary Sec

ALBANY, Dec. 27.-The members of the commission appointed last week by Gov. Black to look after this State's interests at the Paris Exjosed. Norton P. Otis of Yonkers was elected President and Lamotte M. Blakeley of Lyons Vice-President. Mrs. Clarence Burns of New York has been appointed a member of the com-mission and she was named as temporary Secretary.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

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Se Adrondack, Owen, Savanilla.

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Se Dunblane, Farquhar, Cardiff.

Se Tjomo, Nielsen, Demerrae.

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Se City of Philadelphia, Delano, Baltimore.

Se Kansaa City, Fisher, Savannah.

Se Goldsboro, Ewain, Philadelphia.

Se Princess Anne, Hulphers, Norfolk.

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PASSED. Ss Amsterdam, from New York for Amsterdam SAILED FROM FOREIGN PORTS

Se Albano, from Havre for New York. SAILED FROM DOMESTIC PORTS. as Comanche, from Jacksonville for New York OUTGOING STEAMSHIPS.

August Close, Southampton. 7 00 A M Teutonic, Liverpool. 9 00 A M Southwark, Antwerp. 10 50 A M Trinidad, Bermuda. 8 00 A M Seguranca, Havana. 1 00 P M San Marcos, Galveston. British Prince, Santos. 10 00 A M Jason, Beliza. 1 00 P M Jason, Beliza. 1 00 P M Jason, Beliza. 1 00 P M Jason, Beliza. 1 7 Member 1 7 Memb Sail To-Morrow. Sail Friday, Dec. 80. INCOMING STRAMSHIPS

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A Strong Editorial Page

There are not many of them in the country-clever, vigorous, striking editorials from an individual point of view. The best writers have been secured to write regularly for the Post's editorial page, which is one of its strongest features.

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M'GARRY SUGGESTS CHICAGO LAW. The Council's Bailroad Committee Kills

the Smoking Car Ordinance. The Bailroad Committee of the Council made a report yesterday in favor of putting "on file" Garry (Dem.) of Brooklyn providing for smoking cars on all railroad lines in that borough. The report made Mr. McGarry very angry.
"Why didn't you hold a public hearing on the

resolution?" he demanded of Vice-President Oakley (Tam.), who is Chairman of the Bailro "The committee considered the ordinane

nnecessary," retorted Mr. Oakley. "Beside it is discretionary with the committee to hold public hearings. No power on earth can com-

pel us to hold a hearing." 'The gentleman seems to forget that some

thing happened in Chicago the other day," said Mr. McGarry tartly.

Mr. Oakley sprang to his feet. His face flushed. "How dare you say that to me!" he roared. "Your remarks are ungentlemanly, t say the least. My reputation is dear to me, and i won't let you make any assertions on this floor reflecting upon it. I have just as much respect for public opinion as any man, and I believe that every member of this board is houset. I consider the reference made by you to the merchants in Chicago an insult to every man here. I have been in public life for four-teen years and can point to my record."

"I am always responsible for anything I say," replied Mr. McGarry, "and I never fear to take the consequences of my acts or words. I did not say anything about honesty. I was simply trying to show that there is a power on earth to compel public hearings."

The report of the committee was adopted. The following resolution, which was introduced by Councilman Hyland (Tam.), is now before the Railroad Committee of the Council: say the least. My reputation is dear to me, and

before the Railroad Committee of the Council:

Wherear, It appears that some person or persons,
without having a grant or franchise therefor, have
laid and maintained a double street railroad track,
with ewitches, turnouts, and electric connections and
wires, upon 136th street, between Third and Lincoln
avenues, in the borough of the Bronx; therefore bett

Baselved, That the Railroad Committee be and it
hereby is authorized and directed to inquire and
ascertain by what right or authority the said railroad frack and connection were laid in and upon
the said street: and be it further

Baselved, That in making such inquiry the Bailroad Committee be and it hereby is authorized to
send for persons and papers.

The road was built by the Union Trolley

The road was built by the Union Trolley Company to connect the lines running in Third and Lincoln avenues. The committee will give a rublic hearing on the matter some day next week. Parting Dinner to Judge Fitzgerald.

Recorder Goff and Judges Cowing, McMahor and Newburger gave a dinner at the Manhattan Club on Monday night in honor of Judge James Fitzgerald, who is to leave their company on Jan. 1 to become a Justice of the Supreme Court. The only other guest was John F. Carroll, who was for years the clerk of General Sessions, and left his brother in that place when he resigned to run things at Tammany Hail. The souvenirs of the dinner were cut glass and silver cigar jars. A silver loving cup was presented to Mr. Carroll.

HELPS,-On Christmas Day, at 842 Menhattan av. city, a son to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Helps

CARLL-McGLOUGHLIN,-On Tuesday, Dec. 27, 1868, at St. Martin's Episcopal Church, Linwood, Pa., by the Rev. Mr. Bird, Lucile Evange-line, youngest daughter of Elizabeth Booth and the late Capt. Melville McGloughlin, to Addison RICHARDS - CHITTENDEN. - On Tuesday,

Dec. 27, 1898, at 62 East 54th st., New York city by the Rev. Charles E. Jefferson, Bessie Borro daile Chittenden to the Bev. Frederick B. Rich-1898, at the First Presbyterian Church, Orange

N. J., by the Rev. Charles Townsend, Helen Seaver, daughter of Joseph A. Scaver, to Mr. F. Paul Staunton.

DIED.

lyn, on Monday morning, Dec. 2d, 1898, Mary Anne Berry, widow of Thomas Berry. Friends and relatives are invited to attend her fu neral from Grace Spiscopal Church, Conselyes et., near Lorimer, Brooklyn, Thursday afternoon at BLOT .- On Dec. 27, George W. Blot, son of the late Augustus C. and Jennie A. Blot, in his 30th year.
Funeral services at the residence of his grandmother, Mrs. M. A. Wood, 188 West 121st st.,
on Dec. 28, at 8 P. M. Interment private.
BONNER.—On Tuesday, Dec. 27, 1898, of pneu-

monia, at his residence, 21 East 64th st., Andrew Allen Bonner, eldest son of Robert Bonner, aged Funeral services will be held at his late reside: on Thursday, Dec. 29, at 10 A. M. Friends will kindly refrain from sending flowers. BRINCKERHOFF.—On Tuesday, Dec. 27, 1898,

Cornelis M. Rockwood, wife of Gurdon G. Brinck erhoff, in the 58th year of her age. Notice of funeral hereafter. ENNEVER.—At Northampton, Mass., on Dec. 25, 1898, Lillian Mabel Ennever, daughter of Thomas

C. Ennever. her grandmother, Mrs. C. H. Tucker, 1 Prospect Terrace, East Orange, M. J. (Brick Church station), on Wednesday, Dec. 28, at 2 P. M.
GRAHAM.—At Madison, N. J., on Monday, 26th

inst., Annie L., wife of J. Oliver Graham, in her Funeral services at her late residence, 479 Wil loughby av., Brooklyn, Thursday, 29th, at 2 P. M. GRIMSTON.—Catherine, widow of John Grimston. Orderly Sergeant, United States Army, and mother of the Rev. Bro. C. Albert, principal of St. Brigid's School, New York, at her residence 185 Myrtle av., Bridgeport, Conn., on Tuesday

Funeral at Sacred Heart Church, 10 A. M. Thurs day. Arrives at Grand Central 1:50 o'cloc thence to Woodland Cemetery, S. I.

MARPER.—On Monday, Dec. 26, 1898, Caroli Louisa Fletcher, widow of William A. Harper. Belatives and friends are invited to attend her fu neral at her late home, 162 South 5th et., Brook lyn, on Wednesday, Dec. 28, at 2 o'clock P. M. HOGE.—Entered into rest on Monday, Dec. 26, 1898, Miss Jennie E. Hoge, daughter of the late Thomas S. Hoge, Esq., formerly of New York

sister, Mrs. James R. Bird, 122 Putnam av., Brooklyn, Wednesday evening, Dec. 28, at 7 o'clock. Interment at Woodlawn at convenier AUPHIER .- On Monday, Dec. 26, 1898, at 180

Services at her late home, the residence of h

East 16th st., Jeremiah C. Lauphier, in the 90th Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral service at the Collegiate Reformed Dutch Church, 2d av. and 7th st., on Wednesday after

noon, Dec. 28, at 4 o'clock. Interment at con McBURNEY.-On Dec. 27, at Clifton Springs Robert R. McBurney, aged 61 years. Notice of funeral will be given later.

McWilliams.—On Monday, Dec. 26, 1898, Ed ward D. McWilliams, son of Susan and the late Peter McWilliams and brother of James, Peter and Isabella, in the 30th gear of his age.
Funeral from his late residence, 796 6th av., 45th st., on Wednesday, Dec. 28, at 1:80. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. Interment in

St. Raymond's Cemetery. NICOLL.-On Dec. 27, at 271 West 90th st., Fran cis Berndon, infant son of Alice B. and B. Hern don Nicoll.

42 East 65th st., Dec. 26, of pneumonia, Mar garet L., widow of William D. Balisbury. Funeral private. 809 West 75th st., Daniel Ebbets Starr.

ALISBURY .- Entered into rest, at her residence

Notice of funeral hereafter. STOKES-BIXBY.—On Dec. 25, Harriett, daughter of Charles Stokes of 91 Harrison st., East Funeral services at the residence of her father on

Wednesday, Dec. 28, at 2:30 P. M. OUNG.—On Monday, Dec. 26, 1898, at her home, 822 York at., Jersey City, Emeline C. Young, widow of J. Sylvester Young and daughter of the late Nicholas Crocheron of Staten Island, in the 70th year of her age. Funeral services at 11 o'clock on Wednesday morn ing from her late home, as above. Interment at the Moravian Cemetery, New Dorp. Staten Island. YOUNG.—On Monday, Dec. 26, 1888, Robert Young,

aged 62 years. Funeral servays at his late residence, 439 Ea 120th gt., on Wednesday, the 28th inst., at 1 o'clock P. M. Interment at Woodlawn.

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A commission has been issued by Justice Daily of the Supreme Court to pass upon the mental condition of Miss Alice Hamilton on application of her sister, Miss Adelaide Hamilton, of 17 West Twentieth street. The commis sioners appointed are Stephen H. Olin, Leonard C. McPhail and Henry Thompson. Miss Alice Hamilton is 61 years old, and resided with her Hamilton is 41 years old, and resided with her sister until last spring, when she was sent to a sanitarium at Pleasantville, N. Y. Alice Hamilton believes that she is dead and that she is eternally lost. She seldom speaks to any one, believing that she has lost her voice. She has securities worth \$200,000, from which she receives an annual income of \$4,000 She has a further income of \$3,000 a year from a trust fund, created by a deceased sinter, and shares in the income of the property, 220 Broadway, left by her father. John C. Hamilton, An income from property of another relative yields between \$5,000 and \$4,000 a year.

Dr. Austin Flint made affidivit that she is suffering from chronic melancholis, and that she is incapable of attending to her affairs.

WESTWOOD, N. J., Dec. 27.-There is a recurence of the typhoid fever epidemic which prevailed here last summer, six cases having been reported within the past few days. The disease was previously traced to the dairy of Denis
O'Neill. The State Board of Health permitted
O'Neill to renew business after putting in an
entire new outfit of cans. Dr. Mitchell of the
State Board was summosed to Westwood today. The result was that Mr. O'Neill was
ordered to close his dairy again.